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In typical green fashion, Greenbelt started off 2017 with a zero waste New Year's Eve celebration at the Greenbelt Arts Center. The evening, entitled "An Evening with Friends" is produced by Konrad Herling with help from Susan Barnett. Begun in 2012, the New Year's Eve event was first "zero-wasted" in 2014. After taking a hiatus in 2015, the program was back with a full arts program and zero waste efforts with the help of nine Zero Waste Circle volunteers. Following the Zero Waste Continuum of reduce –reuse/repair-repurpose-rot-recycle, the Zero Waste Circle limited landfill waste by: reducing the types of plates and utensils needed, reusing decorations (that have been used for almost a decade now), cloth napkins donated by community members, and glass dishes that were destined for the landfill (rescued (and cleaned) by a passer-by), composting the compostable plates and cups (at MOMs) as well as food scraps (in Paul Downs' compost bin); and recycling plastics and plastic bags (at Co-op), glass bottles and paper (through recycling services), and corks (at MOM's). Beyond the continuum, materials such as chip/snack bags were upcycled through TerraCycle (at MOMs – My Organic Market).

With their hard work, over one pound of food scraps was collected for composting and less than a quarter of a pound of waste was sent to the landfill. We thank the Green Team's Zero Waste Circle volunteers for their hard work in 2016 and for bringing in 2017 with much less waste!

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